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D. BERGER, REYNOLDS MEMCON OF 6/29/77, E. MUJICA,
ASCHER, LONDONO MEMCON OF 5/26/77

1. EMBASSY SHARES INTEREST EXPRESSED REFTEL A IN
SENSITIZING GOU OFFICIALS CONCERNING PHYSICAL PROTECTION
OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS. HOWEVER THE EXTREMELY LIMITED NUCLEAR
ACTIVITY IN URUGUAY DOES NOT APPEAR TO MERIT A 3-DAY VISIT
BY A 6-MAN INTERAGENCY PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES IN URUGUAY ARE
CURRENTLY LIMITED TO OPERATION OF A 10 KILOWATT LOCKHEED
REACTOR USED TO TRAIN URUGUAYANS IN THE TECHNOLOGY FOR
THE INSTALLATION OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND THE USE OF A
LIMITED AMOUNT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS IN MEDICAL AND
AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE GOU HAS PLANS TO
ENTER THE NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD IN THE 1980S, AND RECENTLY
SOUGHT IAEA ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPING THIS PROGRAM, IT
IS STILL VERY MUCH IN THE PLANNING STAGE. IN ADDITION,
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THE ONLY QUOTE U.S. ORIGIN NUCLEAR MATERIALS PRESENTLY
SUPPLIED TO URUGUAY UNQUOTE, WHICH WOULD BE THE FOCUS
OF THE TEAM'S PROPOSED VISIT, ARE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE
10 KILOWATT REACTOR PROVIDED YEARS AGO UNDER ATOMS FOR
PEACE AND ONLY RECENTLY MADE OPERATIONAL (REF B). TO
OUR KNOWLEDGE THE OTHER VERY LIMITED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY
AND MATERIALS IN URUGUAY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM ARGENTINA.

3. IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION HERE WE BELIEVE THAT A ONE-DAY TRIP TO MONTEVIDEO BY ONE OR TWO OF THE TEAM MEMBERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUENOS AIRES VISIT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS. ARRIVING FROM BUENOS AIRES ON THE EARLY MORNING SHUTTLE, THE TEAM MEMBER OR MEMBERS COULD EASILY HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE APPROPRIATE GOU OFFICIALS, (MANUEL BERGER, PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, AND LUIS H. MEYER, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY), VISIT THE ONLY NUCLEAR FACILITY (CENTER OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH) AND RETURN ON THE LATE EVENING SHUTTLE TO BUENOS AIRES.
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